

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. No claims have been amended or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application.

Figure 1 is objected to because this figure should include the legend --Prior Art--. Figure 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Applicants request that the objection to Figure 1 be withdrawn. Figure 5 has also been amended to include the steps referring to each block of the diagram. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,805,164 to Blum et al. ("Blum"). Claim 1 recites, in part, the features of "receiving an input symbol from a user of the device", "comparing the input symbol with the labels displayed on the image", and "if the input symbol matches a label displayed on the image, retrieving information relating to the item represented by the indicator to which the label is assigned, and displaying the retrieved event information on the display device of the portable electronic device." Claim 6 recites, in part, the features of "receiving a input symbol from a user, matching the input symbol with a displayed label, and displaying information represented by the information indicator to which the matched label is assigned." Claim 8 recites, in part, the features of a "control unit [being] operable to... receive an input symbol from a user of the device, to compare the input symbol with the displayed labels, and, if the input symbol matches a displayed label, to retrieve information relating to the item represented by the indicator..." Information of the presently claimed invention is accessed by the input of the symbol corresponding to the label concerned. The user inputs a symbol to obtain the required information.

In contrast, Blum teaches a device that retrieves information based on selecting a pop-up box. A user selects the displayed field label via a stylus, etc. and a pop-up box is displayed. The pop-up box lists alternate field labels that may be selected by the user. See Abstract of Blum. Nowhere does Blum teach inputting a symbol relating to a field label, and hence no comparison is made between the input symbol and the field labels displayed on the image. Furthermore, indicators representing respective items defined by the user of the device as claimed in claims 1, 6, and 8 are not analogous to the pop-up boxes of Blum. As such,

Applicants submit that claims 1, 6, and 8 distinguish over Blum and request that the §102 rejection be withdrawn.

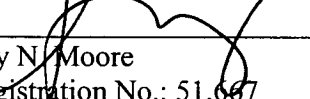
Claims 2, 4, 7, 9, and 11 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, 6, or 8 and should distinguish over Blum for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §102 rejection of claims 2, 4, 7, 9, and 11 be withdrawn.

Claims 3, 5, 10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blum. As noted above, Blum does not teach the features of receiving an input symbol from a user of the device, comparing the input symbol with the displayed labels, and, if the input symbol matches a displayed label, retrieving information relating to the item represented by the indicator. Claims 3, 5, 10, and 12 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 or 8 and should distinguish over Blum for at least the reasons stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 3, 5, 10, and 12 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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